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BRITISH COLLEAGUE MILES TOLD ME HE HAS SEVERAL TIMES OF LATE BEEN ENGAGED BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN CONVERSATIONS ON ANGOLA ("PERHAPS THEY CONSIDER WE COULD BE MORE SYMPATHETIC THAN YOU") AND FEELS HE HAS SCORED POINTS FOR WEST BY TOUCHING SOVIETS' VULNERABILITIES. SAID SOVIETS MOST SENSITIVE TO ARGUMENTS THAT A) HELP TO ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS BEFORE INDEPENDENCE MAY HAVE BEEN ALRIGHT, BUT SOVIETS WRONG NOW IN MILITARILY SUPPORTING MINORITY POLITICAL GROUP SEEKING TO IMPOSE ITS WILL BE FORCE ON MAJORITY; AND B) BRITISH POSITION ON THIS IS SUPPORTED BY HOST GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA. FOREGOING IS, OF COURSE, ALMOST IDENTICAL TO CHINESE LINE. EXCEPT AT COUNSELOR LEVEL, WHERE SOME BAITING HAS BEEN ATTEMPTED, SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAS NEVER TRIED TO ENGAGE ME IN DEBATE ON ANGOLA, NOR I HIM. SAME APPLIES

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